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## The Toils of an Editor.

Brother Balsbaugh comes out with an "Oh" this week. We did not take the liberty to change his manuscript, and so he was disappointed. I believe if we would make a practice of printing just what some of our correspondents write, they would be more careful. In that same article, we found a sentence that we spent five minutes over in an unfruitful effort to read it for the compositor, and then gave orders to leave it all out. That was the best we could do.

Last week, we published an article for a brother in Maryland. It was written in very small characters, with a lead pencil, on poor printing paper. In sealing, it was fastened to the inside of an envelope, and one page was torn all to pieces in opening it. We pasted the pieces on another sheet and held them up to the light, and in that way, got a few points, by which we wrote one for him. It may not have pleased him, but it was the best we could do.

We have now in our drawer, an article written by Bro. J. Nicholson. It has been there two or three weeks, and he supposes it was thrown in the wastebasket; that we do not think kindly of him; and do not treat him as Christian-like as we should.

The penmanship is plainer than the ordinary; but he uses several Greek words, and the article is written very closely, and we can not tell what the words are. Our Greek is not as ready as the pen of a ready writer; therefore, we must take that manuscript to our private study, get down the Greek testament; then we will make the word so plain that the ordinary compositor can read it with certainty, and a line will be drawn under it to show that it should be set in italic letters. We have thought about that article many times, and forgot it many times, when we wished to take it along. We would here request brother Nicholson to keep on writing. It is not necessary to wait until one article appears in print before another is sent.

Brethren, when you write, please remember that a compositor is obliged to read his manuscript two feet away, and to turn his eyes away from it every time he sets a letter; and then, take plenty of room: paper is plenty and postage cheap.

We receive some manuscript in which the words are crowded together so tightly, that a slip must be pasted on the back and extend out at the side, to get room to insert a comma of respectable dimensions.

## The National Holiday.

Another Thanksgiving is past, the bounties of the fruitful fields have been enjoyed during the past harvest seasons, and soon another year will be consigned to history. There are many things which we should be truly thankful for to the Giver of all good; more than we truly appreciate; more than we are willing to persuade ourselves to believe. There has not been the prosperity in business channels that many desired to see and enjoy it is true; but this is mainly our own fault. God has given abundant increase where seed was planted and watered, and we have lacked nothing to satisfy the demands of a normal, physical appetite and to make plain garments to clothe our bodies. It is only our habits of luxury that has made the strain in business channels, and if we do not husband properly what the good Lord has placed in our hands, we should not murmur at the over-ruling Providence.

Thanksgiving has become a national holiday with us. From one end of our country to another, thanks are offered to Him who rule over us for the blessings enjoyed; and it is being more generally observed year by year.

## The Situation in Europe.

The war in Bulgaria has taken a very different turn from what was promised last week. The Bulgarians have almost driven the invaders from their country. Russian and English soldiers entered the Servian army and the tide has been entirely turned. The matter is wholly at the disposal of the great powers, and if they can come to a satisfactory understanding, the belligerent principalities will be set back in peace.

While there was last year about seven converts to each preacher in the United States, there were seventy to each of the missionaries in Asia.

The native pastor at Lagos, West Africa, reports as a result of a recent spiritual revival in his large Yoruba congregation, that no less than 436 persons have professed conversion.

## Mission Notes.

DEAR EVANGELIST: Enclosed find three dollars to be placed in the Brethren M. and E. Fund. Two dollars are the gift of brother "Grandpa" Fornoy, and the other dollar the gift of Sister J. H. Knepper, both members of the Berlin church. Brethren and sisters, this is certainly a move in the right direction, and my prayer is, that not only every member of the Berlin church, but of the entire Brotherhood will give their mite to this long-neglected, though God-commanded work. Act brethren, act sisters, act now, send your prayers heavenward, and your dollars Ashlandward, and glorious will be the result for Jesus add his cause.

Yours in Hope,

JOHN H. KNEPPER.

Berlin, Pa.

DEAR EVANGELIST: Seeing in last number talk of a mission fund, I think that is just what we need, so I send a dollar and more to follow. Come brethren and sisters and send in your mites.

SISTER SUE STUTZMAN.

Elkhart, Ind. Nov. 22.

I had been suffering with rheumatism and was advised to try Athlophoros. After taking a few doses of the medicine I was entirely rid of pain and have felt no signs of rheumatism since. Samuel A. Decker, 537 East Rich St., Columbus, O.

## Editorial Correspondence.

At this writing I am at the house of Elder Andrew Mohler, Kinross, Iowa, and it is the 20th of November. I came here yesterday, and I first called at brother Henry Nisewanders where I was kindly received. Preached in the school house, at Kinross, last night, to a full house.

I finished up my visit at Appanoose county last Monday. I had a splendid time over there. I preached in the Fairview church each evening during last week, and we had good meetings, if I do say it myself, and I think I ought to know. This church is still known as a German Baptist church, but it is a progressive one. The members are plain enough, but they do not conform to the "order." They had decided at a regular council meeting, to let me preach in the church; but after I came and had held several meetings, some of the more conservative members wanted the meetings stopped, but the more liberal portion of the church held the fort. All the ministers were present at several of the meetings, and some of them attended every appointment, and manifested much Christian love. I visited all of them at their homes and was treated with much respect, and they have endeared themselves greatly to me, by their reasonableness on the subject of church division. The Lord bless them in their labors. If they will just continue to preach and practice nothing but the Gospel, and not to recognize the divisions made by the expelling committees, we hope they may avoid the unpleasant results of two organizations in one community.

I visited, besides the parties mentioned in my last, the families of the following members and others: Alex. Price, Lewis Whisler, Wm. Kaylor, Chas. Ullrich, John Replogle, Sarah West, D. W. Hardman, who is agent for the EVANGELIST, David Epperly, Alonzo Leavell, and Abraham Replogle, son of G. B. Had the pleasure of making the acquaintance of brother Israel Epperly and wife, and sister Susan Whisler, daughter of Elder Abram Replogle. Sister Whisler is taking care of her father who is blind and infirm, and surely has a heavy charge resting upon her. The Lord kindly sustain her. I also had a pleasant interview with brother Jacob C. Brumbaugh, and sister Mary, his wife, formerly of Morrison's Cove, Pa. Age is beginning to tell upon them, though we were pleased to find traces of the features which our memories had retained. If we should not meet again for another score of years we will be old people.

On Sunday evening I again preached at the Salem (Methodist) church, and spent my last night with brother G. B. Replogle's, and on Monday afternoon he brought me to the depot at Unionville. We were loth to part from each other, for we enjoyed each other's society very much. God bless brother R. and his kind family. They were all so kind to me. How I do wish they were all in the church.

I know it would gladden the hearts of the parents if their children would give their hearts to the Savior. There are too many of the young people of the

church out in the cold world. I am afraid the church is not kept warm enough. It is too uninviting.

Finally, I made many very pleasant acquaintances at Unionville, whom I will long remember.

On my return I stopped off at County Line and Libertyville, in Jefferson county, and visited Mr. Jos. Sketoe, formerly married to one of my Uncle Jacob Holsinger's daughters, and Mr. Lionberger, married to the widow of my cousin Jos. Holsinger, deceased. Uncle Jacob Holsinger removed to this county many years ago. All the members of his family are now dead, and only a few of the descendants remain, and but one person of the name, Mr. S. J. Holsinger, of Stockton, California.

Tuesday night and Wednesday I spent with the family of brother J. E. Roop, M. D., at Fairfield, Iowa, and had a very pleasant visit, but I missed the Doctors genial countenance. He had gone to Dakota, on a professional visit to the family of his brother Joseph. But sister Roop and brother Harry, who has grown up to be quite a gentleman, knew how to take care of an old friend and they did it. Fairfield is quite a good town; has good schools, churches, a Presbyterian college, water works, electric lights, and about two dozen doctors.

At Washington, on Thursday morning, as I was adjusting my "grips" to carry them into the cars for Kinross, I heard some one calling lustily "Henry!" As I answered to that name I looked about me, and there in the car window, like a picture in a frame, stood the face of Dr. Roop, all in smiles from ear to ear. I dropped the grips and we had a lively shake and a rapid talk for a few minutes, and then we were left to meditate upon the disappointments of life. I was pleased to be permitted to see him, and to learn from him that the folks in Dakota are apparently out of danger.

From here I go to Iowa county, Poweshiek county, and Black Hawk county, and then eastward, finish up Indiana and Michigan, and hope to get to Berlin, Pa., by Christmas. I have abandoned my intention of canvassing Kansas and Missouri before I return, as I believe it will suit me better to travel in the east and south during the winter months. Hope all will see the propriety of this decision.

Well, I have received one response to my earnest appeal for help to pay the college debt. I publish the letter, but at the request of the writer withhold her name:

"Brother Holsinger: This is to inform you that, after reading your 'Semi Editorial' in last EVANGELIST, I have concluded to be one that will give one hundred dollars to help you raise the college debt. Now I think there ought certainly be seventy-four more who will give that amount, and pay off the balance, so that you can spend your time in preaching, as you are much needed in the field."

Thank you, dear sister. Hope you are already blessed in the satisfaction you realize from having made a good resolution, and that the Lord will farther bless you in making all your future prospects successful.

There are not only seventy-four but seven hundred persons in the church who can as easily give one hundred dollars as the above sister. Will not one tenth of them open their hearts? Come brethren and sisters, now that a good beginning has been made, let us keep it up until the work has been accomplished. Don't see how long you can hold back, but respond at once, and let us see how quickly we can do the work. What is money good for any way, but to do good with. What is the use of living if we are to be disgraced and discouraged by failure. Come, and help us cheerfully, and see how happy we will all be when it is done. If you do not wish your name published you can request it to be withheld, though I would prefer to give names. I am sure it is nothing to be ashamed of; though persons may have good reasons for not wishing their names published. But let us have the pledges. That is the important part of it. Who will be the next? Address me at Ashland, Ohio, and I will have it forwarded to some point where I will intercept it. Anticipating and prayerfully.

HOLSINGER.

## From Fair Haven, Wayne Co., Ohio.

Saturday evening, November 21st, 1885, will long be remembered as a veritable spot in the history of the Fair Haven Sabbath-School. The neat little church was well filled with scholars, teachers, officers, and spectators, and the summer term of the school was closed with appropriate services. And for the information of the readers of the EVANGELIST in general we will give a synopsis of the program and performers, with their subjects:

1st. Music, No. 264; prayer, by B. F. Swinehart and hymn No. 314 by Superintendent. 2d. Short address by the Superintendent, stating the object of the meeting. 3d. Music No. 310 (Brethren Hymnody being used exclusively). 4th. Essay by Gusta Worst, "A Century's Growth in Sunday-schools." 5th. Declaration by Della Kiefer, "The Heavenly Place." 6th. Speech by Willie Martin, "I am His Lamb." 7th. Music No. 241. 8th. Essay by Mary Swinehart, "Eventide of Life." 9th. Declaration by Vernie McFadden, "Little Lifters." 10th. Declaration by Flora Jacobs, "Poetical Prayer." 11th. Music No. 301. 12th. Essay by Alda Good, "Cheerfulness." 14th. Declaration by Frances Swinehart, "Purist Pearl." 14th. Declaration by Clara Lindsey, "The Holy City." 15th. Music by infant class, "There is a Happy Land." 16th. Essay by Lena Ginter, "Momentary Troubles." 17th. Declaration by Pearly Lindsey, "We All Might be Good." 18th. Speech by Nora Lindsey, "Where is God?" 19th. Music No. 317, Autumn. 20th. Address by Elder Kiefer. 21st. Report of the Secretary, as follows: School opened April 12th, 1885. Number in attendance during the summer, 1863; average attendance, 62; visitors, 87; sessions, 29; addresses, 5; concert exercises, 2; penny collections, \$19.54; average collection, 70 cents. School closed November 15th, 1885.

SAMUEL THURLEY, Sec'y.  
22d. Music No. 287. 23d. The Treat—books, candies, blow-horns, moustach cups, dolls, pleasant smiles and other things. 24th. Music, quartette, No. 346. 25th. General remarks by Elder Brown. 26th. General collection. 28th. Closing remarks by the Superintendent. 28th. Music No. 265; benediction by Elder Brown.

Among the surprises were a handsome present of a Bible, by the school, to the efficient Secretary; a gift of a valuable book to sister Gusta Worst, by her class; a gift of a moustach cup and saucer to the Superintendent, by Mr. Thurley's little folks, and a vote of thanks by the entire congregation to the Superintendent and Secretary for their very faithful and efficient work.

Anticipating a bright revival of operations next spring, we adjourned about 9 o'clock. And to say that it was pleasant and good to be there would but feebly express the general yea, universal feeling.

P. J. BROWN, Reporter.  
Congress, O., Nov. 23, 1885.